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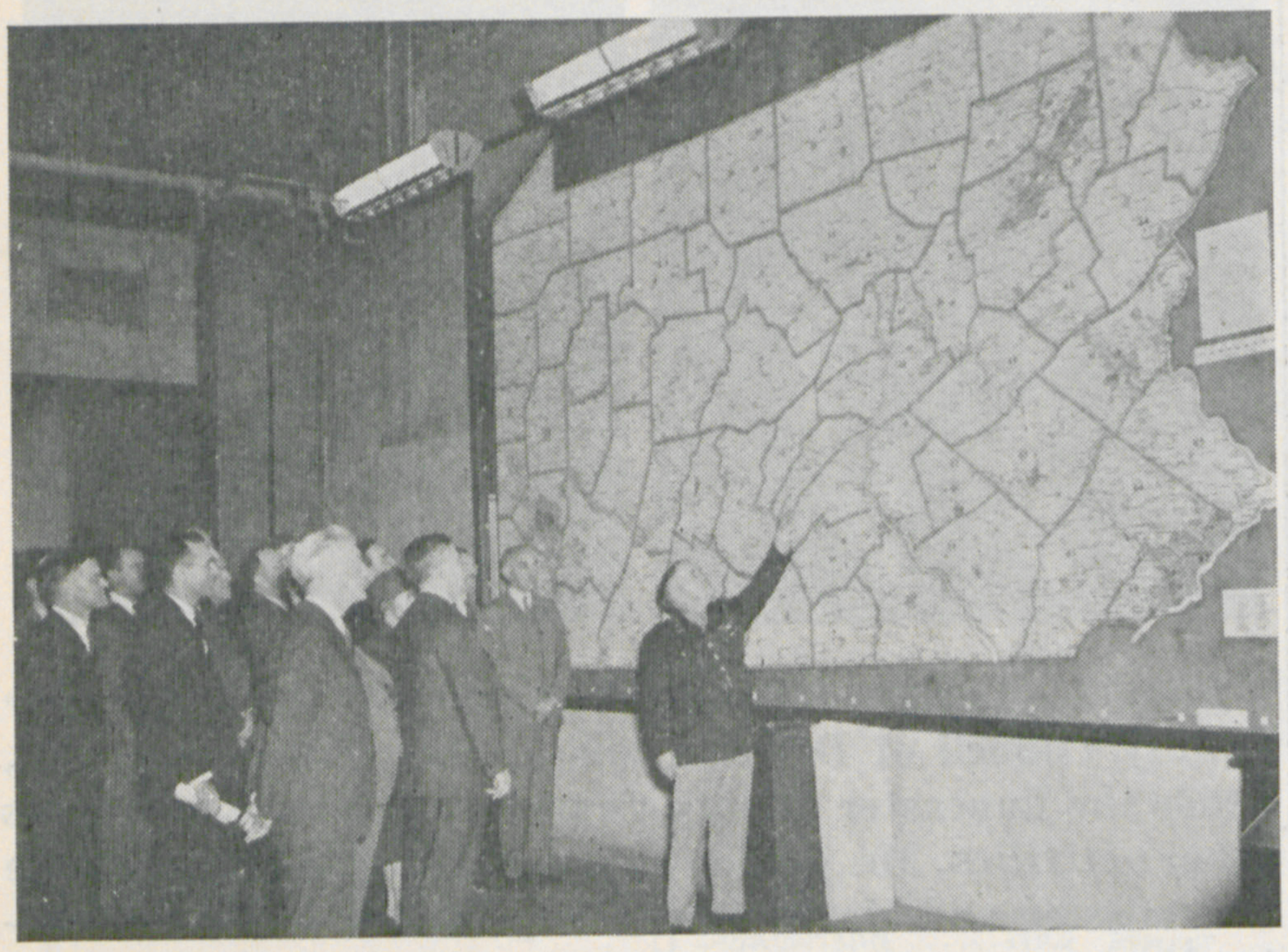

Executive Director A. C. Marts of the SCD and a group of staff members inspect the map in the new State Control Center at Harrisburg. Col. Ralph Mitchell is shown pointing out a feature of the map.

24 Counties Asked To Open Bureaus

Twenty-four counties where large numbers of women are being drawn into war industries have been asked by the SCD to create Local Bureaus for Care of Children of Women in Defense Industries.

The counties were selected by Mrs. Benjamin Ludlow, director of the SCD Bureau of Child Care, on the basis of U. S. Employment Service reports and other data. Altogether, an estimated 5,000,000 new women workers will be needed by American industry by the end of 1943.

In a communication to Councils of Defense in the 24 counties, the State Council asked that Child Care committees be named to survey local needs and to stimulate appropriate action by private and public agencies.

The general program will include four types of child care: (1) Foster Home Care for children under 2 years of age, (2) Homemaker's Service to provide attendants to go to the child's own home, (3) Child Care Centers for children 2 to 6, and (4) After-School recreation programs for children 6 to 17.

Child Care committees already are at work under the

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Need Of Shelters Revealed In Drill

Pennsylvania's 30-minute air raid drill last Monday morning was highly successful but it proved again the need for more air raid shelters.

"In some cities, there are not yet enough clearly marked shelters to accommodate the number of people normally on the street in daytime," said Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the SCD.

"Too many persons had to stand in the street alongside of buildings and of windows. That is far from safe. Our Councils of Defense are urged to establish additional shelters where needed without further delay."

The audible alarm also proved inadequate in many communities, particularly because of the winter-time problem of closed windows.

In general, however, the drill, which was the state's second full-scale daylight test, found Citizens Defense Corps members and Control Centers mobilized in record time, and the general public highly cooperative. Philadelphia officials called the drill "perfect."

A practice blackout was promised for an unannounced date before the end of November. It will be the state's fifth blackout test.

BLOCK LEADERS PLAN FOR MEAT SHARING CAMPAIGN

With Share the Meat and other campaign assignments in the offing, the Block Leader Plan began to emerge this week as a permanent and important part of most Council of Defense organizations.

The plan was first given impetus in an OCD pamphlet released last month. Then followed another pamphlet, "Block Leaders' Alert," and newspaper mats and publicity, all boosting the plan as a vehicle for mobilizing quick public support behind salvage and other Civilian War Service drives.

The Meat Sharing Campaign, which opens Nov. 30, is described by the OCD as "an opportunity for Block Leaders to demonstrate what they can do in organizing every home in the land in a coordinated national campaign."

2,000,000 Pamphlets

Two million pamphlets asking each adult to limit meat consumption voluntarily to two and a half pounds per week—actually only a little less than the amount normally consumed—will be received by Defense Councils in Pennsylvania for distribution through Block Leaders and other volunteers to every home.

Before the literature is distributed, County Nutrition Councils will conduct classes for the Block Leaders to instruct them in all phases of their mission. It is emphasized that there is no shortage of meat, but that the demands are greater, because of our armed forces and our Allies.

The Block Plan has gained quick headway in **Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Erie, New Castle, Butler,** and other Pennsylvania cities. In Philadelphia, 1000 block wardens were assigned to the tin can campaign, and collections increased immediately.

"Many of the new programs will be built around this plan," said Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the SCD. "It need not be organized strictly on a block basis, but can be varied according to the size of a com-

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HOW IT WORKS

Jobs that Block Leaders have accomplished in Richmond, Va., include:

Furnishing Air Raid Wardens with a detailed survey of every family.

Locating 20,247 Blood Donors.

Securing 37,500 pledges for War Stamps and Bonds amounting to $307,000 monthly.

Signing up 2309 women for canning classes and 3698 for nutrition classes.

Registering 707 plumbers and 1039 electricians for Rescue Squads.

Finding rooms for 600 soldiers each weekend.

14 Cities Receive Federal Equipment

Fourteen cities in Pennsylvania have received partial shipments of Federal equipment for Civilian Defense purposes, and the first consignments of fire-fighting "skid pumps" are on their way to 19 cities.

The 14 cities, among approximately 175 communities in the state selected by the OCD to receive equipment, received the following: 68,340 helmets, 256,100 armbands, 157,400 feet of 2½-inch fire hose, and 26,200 feet of 1½-inch fire hose.

Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the SCD, urged other communities "to be patient in awaiting the execution of this enormous plan of distribution, which has been set up and administered by officials of the OCD."

FIRST AID TRAINING REQUIREMENT LIFTED

The requirement that members of the staff corps of the Citizens Defense Corps have ten hours of first aid training has been removed, the OCD announced.

The action was taken because staff unit members are engaged in the headquarters of the defense corps rather than at the scene of air raid emergencies.

YOUTH HONORED FOR SCRAP COLLECTIONS

E. R. "Bud" Seifert, Jr., of **Westfield,** has been cited for his untiring efforts in the recent salvage campaign. He took a leading role in the collection of 40 tons of scrap metal at his school, and 20 tons for the Lions Club and his Boy Scout Troop.

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BLOCK LEADERS

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munity and can follow precinct lines or other boundaries."

He pointed out that the British found that press and radio appeals resulted in only 70 per cent cooperation in their food management program, but that participation jumped to nearly 100 per cent when direct face to face contact by Block Leaders was tried.

Block Leaders are eligible for membership in the Citizens Service Corps, and the OCD suggests that there be one leader for about every ten families. In rural areas, a Neighborhood Leader Plan is suggested with the Agricultural Extension Service cooperating.

24 Counties Asked

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Council of Defense in Philadelphia and several other cities. The counties where action was requested are:

Allegheny, Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Lawrence, Cambria, Clinton, Lycoming, Columbia, Dauphin, Cumberland, Franklin, Lebanon, York, Lancaster, Berks, Lehigh, Northampton, Philadelphia, Bucks, Montgomery, Delaware, Chester and Beaver.

War Films Ready For Use in State

Official 16 mm films released by the Office of War Information are available for loan from six distributors in Pennsylvania, including Pennsylvania College for Women, in Pittsburgh, and Pennsylvania State College.

The other distributors, as reported by the OWI, are: Jordan Productions, Franklin; Kunz Motion Picture Service, 1319 Vine St., Philadelphia; Russell C. Roshon, Fox Theatre Bldg., Philadelphia; and Clem Williams Films, 403 Diamond Bank Bldg., Pittsburgh.

A small service charge is involved, and the films include Target For Tonight, Women in Defense, and other topics dealing with the war.

In addition to OWI films, both P.C.W. and Penn State have Inter-American films, and P.C.W. has releases also from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

New Councils

New Local Councils of Defense have been organized in 19 counties during the past three months, bringing the state-wide total of county and local councils to 1083. The new councils and their chairmen are:

ADAMS—Arendtsville: E. D. Bushman; Bendersville: W. B. Delap; Biglerville: J. Hoke Slaybaugh; Fairfield: H. L. Hartzell; McSherrystown: Richard Cratin; New Oxford: C. Clark Brown; York Springs: H. S. Streckell.

BEAVER—Borough Twp: George McClure; Brighton Twp: Harold Gillespie; Darlington; R. B. Bassett; Daugherty Twp: J. W. Tallon; East Rochester: Melvin J. Simmons; Eastvale: Paul H. Irwin; Economy Twp: Arthur E. Wagner; Glasgow: Charles O. Camp; Industry Twp: W. B. MacBride; New Sewickley Twp: H. C. Mace; North Sewickley Twp: Dwight E. Kamp; Ohio Twp: R. G. Hammond; Potter Twp: Paul Marthens; Shippingport: George Bates.

BUCKS—Doylestown: G. Thawley Hayman; Haycock Twp: Lawrence W. Kepner; Warrington Twp: Henry Gargas; West Rockhill Twp: Eugene Musselman.

CAMBRIA—Lower Yoder Twp: A. P. Norton; Portage: Francis J. Michaels; Sandertown: A. L. Hunt; Tunnelhill: J. R. Bernard.

CARBON—Mauch Chunk Twp: Joseph G. Greco.

CENTRE—South Philipsburg: Matthew Kelce.

CHESTER—Chester Valley District: H. K. Newlin; East Brandywine: Herbert Clavier; Valley Twp: L. H. Julian; West Vincent Twp: J. Hause Dewees; London Grove: J. Leroy Frank, Catham.

CRAWFORD—Hydetown: Nelson Burns.

CUMBERLAND — Boiling Springs: Paul Liggett; Bowmansdale: Donald S. Sidle; Grantham: Jacob Kuhn; Hampden Twp: H. F. Shaver; Lower Allen Twp: S. L. Otstot; Newburg: Harry L. Stouffer; New Kingstown: Lloyd A. Bender; Plainfield: C. H. Ley; South Enola: W. R. McNeal; West Fairview: Ira L. Cargill; White Hill: Major Henry C. Hill; Williams Grove: Robert E. Richwine.

DELAWARE—Darby: Joseph A. Burke; Goshen Twp: Leroy Hicks; Prospect Park: Howard C. Kinder.

LUZERNE — Courtdale: Thomas Shone; Edwardsville: Stephen Wartella; Luzerne: Herbert Hawke.

MERCER—Jackson Center: H. Clayton Young; New London: Frank Newbold.

MONTGOMERY — Lomerick Twp: Garrett A. Brownback.

NORTHUMBERLAND — Washington Twp: R. I. Rebuck.

SCHUYLKILL—Cass & Foster Twp: Joseph W. Campion; Fountain Springs: Rev. Ronald C. Kehler.

SOMERSET—Ursina: John Warrick.

VENANGO—Franklin: R. R. Bleakley, Jr.; Oil City: Lake D. Steffee.

WESTMORELAND—Arona: George M. Veitch; East Vandergrift: Frank W. Kaminski; Irwin: W. A. Hellman; North Irwin: John A. Hensler.

YORK—Spring Garden Twp: Gordon Campbell.

MRS. CLOTHIER SPEAKS

Mrs. William J. Clothier, member of the SCD, told a regional welfare conference at Scranton recently that the war effort "presents an opportunity and a challenge to the social workers' field to get more work done in the many understaffed private and public social agencies."

If full use can be made of volunteers in health and welfare, problems, the results will be "astounding," she said.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE LEADERS

Ross L. Leffler, left, is chairman of the Allegheny County Council of Defense, and J. Hale Steinman, right, heads the Lancaster County Council. Both have numerous other activities. Mr. Lefller is president of the State Game Commission and Mr. Steinman is publisher of the Lancaster Newspapers.

Mrs. Zirkle To Complete Tour

Conservation and wise buying have been stressed by Mrs. Conway Zirkle, chairman of the SCD Committee on Consumer Interests, as the main goals of the consumer program in her tour of 40 counties of the state.

"The basic fact is that civilians have been accustomed to having all they want and need, and now they must share with the armed forces," she said. "Our soldiers must get all the supplies they need, and it is up to us at home to use wisely the supplies that are left for us."

Mrs. Zirkle expects to complete her visits to the remaining 27 counties before Dec. 20. At each conference she has cited the consumer information pamphlets and study outlines available through the state committee.

"Without exception, the consumer chairmen are active leaders in their communities," she said, adding that of the first 37 contacted, 18 were men and 19 women. Among the men are store executives, a wholesale grocer, newspaper editor, labor adjustor, and minister, while among the women 14 are housewives and three are teachers.

Mrs. Zirkle's committee this week released its second consumer information leaflet, dealing with "Mending and Moth Damage." Because of shortages of material, the leaflet advised that old clothes be made over or renovated whenever possible.

NEGROES PARTICIPATE IN CIVILIAN DEFENSE

William F. Butler, assistant secretary of **Beaver** County Council of Defense, declared in a recent round table radio broadcast from Baltimore that "the colored people of Pennsylvania are participating fairly well in the civilian defense program."

"In common with the general experience in other states," he said, "I have found that Negro representation on local councils has stimulated increasing activity among the colored group."

TRAINING MANUAL PREPARED FOR FFFS

Two thousand copies of a 40-page training manual for the new Forest Fire Fighters Service are being mimeographed and will be distributed soon by the SCD to instructors throughout the state.

The manual was prepared by George H. Wirt, Chief of F.F.F.S. in Pennsylvania, and edited by R. Chapman Carver, Chief of Training. Volunteers are being recruited now for the new service.

Counties Form Evacuation Units

County Evacuation Officers were asked this week to proceed with the organization of County Evacuation Authorities containing at least seven members and to set up Advisory Committees of as many members as desired.

The request, sent by G. Albert Stewart, SCD Evacuation Director, pointed out that the personnel of both groups should be approved by the County Council of Defense Chairman and that the County Authority should include representatives of Red Cross and other key agencies.

General policies on evacuation were explained at a statewide meeting of Evacuation Officers in **Harrisburg** last month. Transportation will be the responsibility of Evacuation Officers, with State Police in control of traffic. The Red Cross will take charge of feeding and shelter until evacuees are domiciled, after which the Department of Public Assistance will administer Federal aid.

Copies of a formal agreement between the Red Cross, State Council of Defense, and Department of Public Assistance setting forth the responsibilities of each agency in time of disaster were sent this month to all Councils of Defense.

SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

Dr. J. Russell Doubman, chairman of the Consumer Committee of the **Philadelphia** Council of Defense, announced that speakers are now available to talk on consumer subjects, including nutrition, food buying, clothing and textiles, budgeting, and wartime materials.

47 COUNTIES WIN PENNANTS

Presentation ceremonies are being planned in the 47 counties that qualified for WPB Salvage Pennants by collecting 100 pounds or more scrap per capita during Pennsylvania's two-month Scrap Drive. The first pennants were presented this weekend in Lehigh, Northampton and Monroe Counties.

Meanwhile, the committee which certified the county totals determined that the state-wide total for the drive was 1,560,907,106 pounds, or 157.6 pounds per capita. This amounted to 780,453 tons, far over the goal of 500,000 tons, and placed Pennsylvania in the vanguard of the states.

The awards committee, composed of State Supreme Court Justice George W. Maxey; William N. Hardy, Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association; and V. K. Simpson, Hartford Accident Indemnity Co., certified the following per capita totals for the winning counties:

Adams	117	Dauphin	184.2	Mifflin	104.8
Allegheny	132.4	Delaware	158.3	Monroe	153.3
Armstrong	179.5	Erie	542.5	Montgomery	138.6
Beaver	118	Fayette	105	Montour	162.7
Berks	180.3	Forest	173.3	Northampton	118.5
Bradford	218.1	Greene	103.9	Northumberland	104.7
Butler	867.4	Huntingdon	105	Philadelphia	202.1
Cambria	142.1	Juniata	116.4	Potter	180.1
Carbon	152.8	Lackawanna	100	Schuylkill	118.7
Centre	183.8	Lancaster	114.4	Somerset	121
Chester	158.7	Lawrence	149.6	Susquehanna	112.4
Clarion	279.7	Lebanon	136.4	Tioga	271.1
Clinton	297.9	Lehigh	291.8	Warren	301.1
Columbia	279.3	Lycoming	135.4	Washington	120.7
Crawford	250.8	McKean	391.1	York	219.9
Cumberland	175.2	Mercer	212.5		

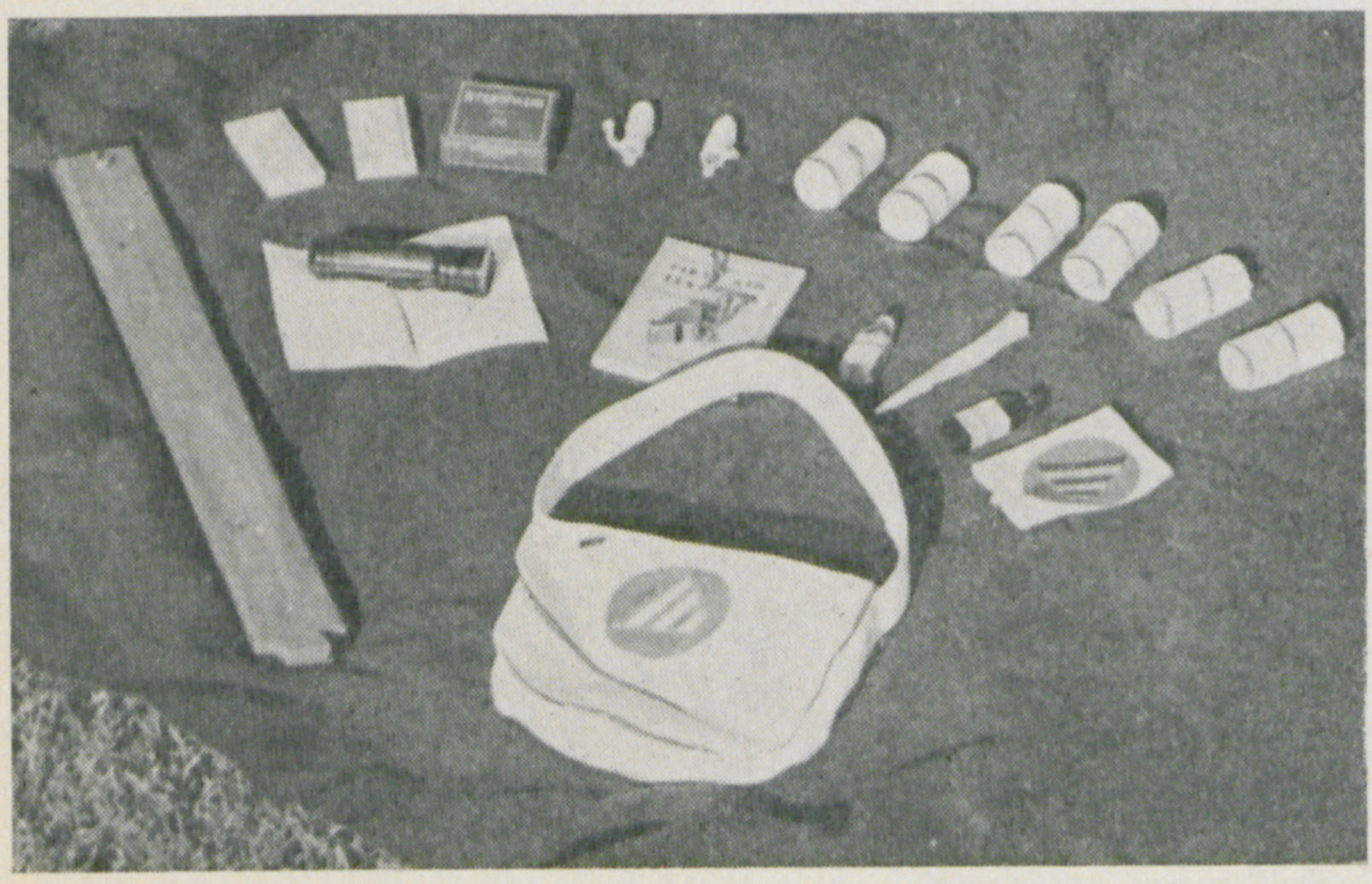
Woman Cited For Defense Work

Mrs. George W. Myers, Sr., **Mechanicsburg**, R. D. 4, known to her friends as "a one-woman Council of Defense," literally has served in that capacity for some time pending the organization of an official Council of Defense in her rural community.

Conducting her civilian defense work from her little country store, Mrs. Myers first gained recognition when she drove a two-horse wagon load of aluminum 15 miles to Harrisburg after collecting it from children in return for lollypops.

She has ordered a $175 air raid siren for her district and is also having an honor roll board erected upon which to place the names of all local men in the armed forces. It will be dedicated Dec. 6.

In addition, she has equipped a five-bed casualty station in her home. Maintenance funds are raised at rummage sales, suppers and festivals conducted at the Myers home.



First Aid Kit containing the items shown above is presented to each Air Raid Warden in Nescopeck, Luzerne County, upon completion of 20-hour first aid course. Chief Warden C. E. Fetterman said kits cost $4 each.

New Bombs Require Solid Jet of Water

Because of more deadly bombs recently employed by the enemy, the use of sand or a spray of water in attacking incendiaries is no longer recommended by the OCD.

The newer incendiary bombs are larger and in some cases contain a more powerful explosive charge set off by a time fuse, the OCD announced in a revised set of instructions this month. Thus there is greater fragmentation and the firefighter must attack from a safer distance and with a solid jet of water.

The OCD warned against the use of smothering powders, scoops and other devices and added that they "may endanger the lives of persons who depend upon them."

Amos E. Neyhart

DRIVER TRAINING SCHOOLS OPENED

A four-day school to train instructors for the emergency Driver Corps opened this weekend in **Reading,** and other schools have been scheduled at **Harrisburg,** Dec. 7-10, **Norristown,** Dec. 11-14, **and Easton** Dec. 15-18.

Schools will be conducted by the SCD in each of the eight regions of the state, under direction of Prof. Amos E. Neyhart, driver training expert at the Pennsylvania State College. Philadelphia has already held a one-week school, and the schedule for northern and western Pennsylvania will be postponed until after Christmas.

R. Chapman Carver, Chief of Training for the SCD, said "we now have 16,600 volunteer Driver Corps members in Pennsylvania, and we must instruct these members in the special techniques necessary in emergency driving."

Menacing Objects Must Be Reported

If a bomb or other menacing object is located during or after an air raid, the person finding it should notify the nearest air raid warden or police officer.

Following a communication from the OCD, the State Council of Defense warned that objects of this nature should be reported to the Control Center, which will promptly dispatch a trained Bomb Reconnaissance Agent to investigate.

It was pointed out also that souvenir hunting must be avoided after a raid and the utmost secrecy maintained to prevent the enemy from learning the extent and nature of damage caused. Souvenir hunting would deprive our armed forces of vital information about enemy bombs that are dropped or enemy aircraft that are shot down.

State Volunteer Corps Increases

An increase of 55,169 during October boosted Pennsylvania's army of air raid protection volunteers to a new total of 575,648, while the first enumeration of non-protection volunteers showed 59,805 persons enrolled in that branch in 19 counties.

The Utility Repair Squad and Air Raid Wardens showed the biggest increases in the Citizens Defense Corps, with wardens now totalling 190,871.

Counties reporting the largest Defense Corps gains, and their new totals are: **Allegheny**, 74,828; **Berks**, 12,330; **Bucks**, 8291; **Carbon**, 5148; **Clearfield**, 5069; **Crawford**, 3094; **Delaware**, 26,671; **Forest**, 359; **Franklin**, 2773; **Indiana**, 2943; **Jefferson**, 3940; **Lackawanna**, 14,387; **Lawrence**, 3212; **Lebanon**, 6220; **Lycoming**, 4384; **Montgomery**, 43,052; **Northumberland**, 11,926; **Philadelphia**, 134,827; **Somerset**, 3750; **Sullivan**, 406; **Warren**, 2228.

The volunteers reported at work in civilian war activities are: **Berks**, 14,860; **Chester**, 875; **Clearfield**, 95; **Cumberland**, 517; **Dauphin**, 9750; **Delaware**, 3918; **Elk**, 605; **Fulton**, 212; **Indiana**, 1376; **Lackawanna**, 478; **Lycoming**, 4334; **Lawrence**, 3670; **Lehigh**, 1771; **Mifflin**, 2048; **Montgomery**, 367; **Philadelphia**, 10,429; **Tioga**, 50; **Union**, 75; **Wayne**, 4375.

In future reports, counties were asked to include personnel of Utility Repair Squads, Bomb Reconnaissance Agents, and F.F.F.S. as part of the Citizens Defense Corps.

CHURCHES URGED TO PROTECT WORSHIPPERS

County and Local Councils of Defense have been asked by the State Council to set up church defense committees to protect worshippers in the event of an enemy air attack.

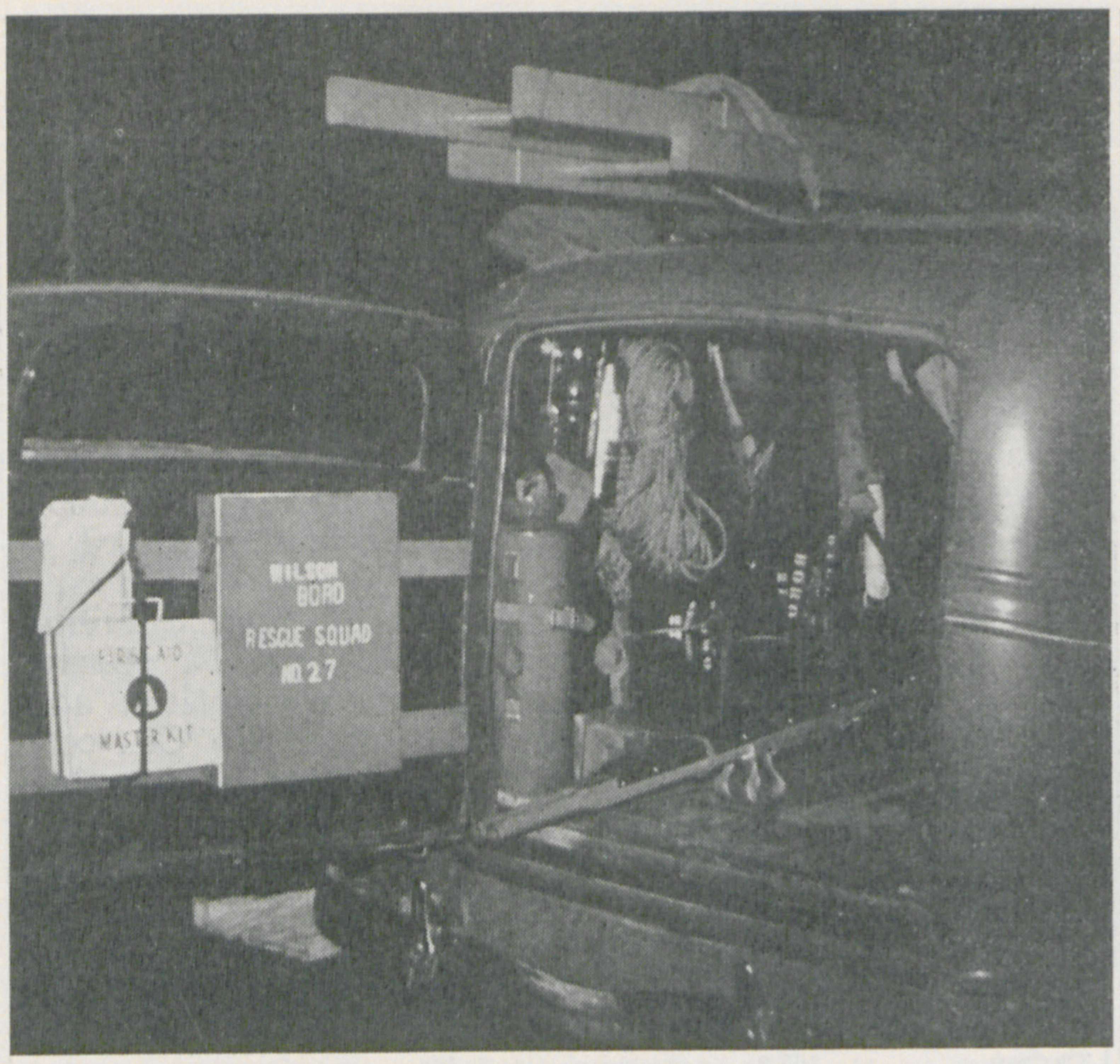
Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the SCD, pointed out that congregations should not be dismissed during an air raid or drill but should go to designated shelter rooms. He advised that drills be held after the services from time to time.

PENNANTS SHIPPED

Shipments of the new "CD" pennants which will become official identification marks for Emergency Vehicles in Pennsylvania after Dec. 1 have been made to about half of the counties.

The pennants, purchased by the SCD, are being delivered direct to County Councils of Defense by the manufacturer. Each county was allotted its share, on a basis of population, of the 100,000 pennants authorized for the whole state.

Vehicle owners will be required to obtain a suitable staff and bracket for displaying the pennant at the right front of the vehicle.



Well-equipped Rescue Squad truck at Wilson Boro is one of many units ready for action in Northampton County. The truck above is attached to squad headed by Clyde Moon. The county Rescue Squad chief is Theodore Whitesell, Easton.

News From Local Councils

George S. Love has been named chairman of the **York** City-County Council of Defense, succeeding Mayor Harry B. Anstine, who died recently . . . Ralph H. Lookingbill continues as executive director.

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Members of the Women's Unit of **Luzerne** County Council of Defense took part in the Scrap Drive and checked on the number of Victory Gardens . . . Their report showed that 35,000 vegetable gardens were grown, and that two of every three families did canning for winter needs.

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Training of high school seniors to take places in Civilian Defense protective work is being considered by **Northumberland** County Council of Defense . . . The plan was advocated to overcome shortage of volunteers for daylight duty.

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The enthusiasm of a group of amateur radio operators soon will make it possible for **Lower Merion** Township to use two-way radio communications between its Control Center and the nine sector headquarters.

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A shortage of volunteers for the Control Center at **Milton** was overcome when the Junior Women's Club offered its services as a club project . . . At **Aliquippa**, a sewing project for the benefit of the Council of Defense has been started by a women's Bible class.

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Proceeds of a Remember Pearl Harbor Tag Drive to be conducted by the **Redstone** Council of Defense, near Uniontown, will be used to pay for a new air raid siren . . . The **Chester** Council of Defense will celebrate Dec. 7 as Civilian Defense Day, and will hold a flag raising ceremony for all men in the service from that community.

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The Citizens Service Corps of **Butler** is sponsoring a drive for books and magazines for patients in a new Army hospital west of the community.

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The **Johnstown** CDVO, headed by Mrs. Paul P. Allen, reports that $66,954 in War Stamps and Bonds was sold at a booth staffed by CD volunteers since Aug. 12 . . . Volunteer registrations at the CDVO from Jan. 2 to Nov. 2 totalled 1988.

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The CDVO of **Union** County has addressed nearly 600 Christmas greetings that are being sent to men in the armed forces from that county.

ONE MILLION TAKE FIRST AID TRAINING

Well over a million persons in Pennsylvania have completed first aid training, with 103,769 certified between July 1 and October 1, Miss Cecile Kennedy, Red Cross representative to the SCD, reported.

The new certificates raised the state's total since July 1, 1941, to 409,495 persons who have completed the 20-hour course, while more than 700,000 others have completed 10-hour courses.

Curwensville Council of Defense, Clearfield County, has realized $641 from the sale of scrap metals, and has an estimated $300 worth remaining to be sold . . . The council originally collected $1300 in public subscriptions and has a balance of nearly $500.

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Lancaster County Council of Defense has allocated 800 of its 2,050 Emergency Vehicle pennants to Lancaster city, and the balance to other parts of the county.

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Harrisburg - Dauphin County Council of Defense elected 65 persons to membership in Citizens Service Corps during October . . . The CDVO has supplied 117 volunteers to ration boards, 23 to war savings offices and 100 to similar agencies.

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Harry Holliday, chairman of **Butler** County Salvage Committee and manager of the Butler plant of American Rolling Mills Co., asked his employes to gather their weight in scrap . . . In only a few days they turned in an average of 205 pounds each.

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Thirty-eight boys, all messengers for the **Punxsutawney** Council of Defense, are taking a five-weeks course in fire fighting.

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The opening of 52 additional air raid shelters has increased **Philadelphia's** total to 112 shelters . . . The **Pottsville** Council of Defense has approved 35 places as shelters.

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A joint exercise was held for the graduation of 160 auxiliary policemen and 117 auxiliary firemen, messengers and rescue squad members from **Jeannette, Lincoln Heights** and **Harrison City** . . . More than 50 women have registered as daylight air raid wardens at **Morrisville.**

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Boy Scouts of **Elizabethtown** are laboring to uncover a ten-ton steel girder they discovered in a field buried under nearly four feet of ground . . . When the girder is extricated it will be donated to salvage.